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TO : Executive  
THRU : General Counsel  
FROM : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: NOV 18 1949

SUBJECT: Customs charges on household effects of FBID employees - London Bureau

- REFS : a. Teletype message No. 041202 of 4 November 1949 to Chief, FBID from Chief, London Bureau, FBID. Copy attached
- b. Teletype message No. 071720 of 7 November 1949 to Chief, London Bureau, FBID from Chief, FBID. Copy attached
- c. Teletype message No. 090537 of 9 November 1949 to Chief, FBID from Chief, London Bureau, FBID. Copy attached
- d. Teletype message No. 171230 of 17 November 1949 to Chief, FBID from Acting Chief, London Bureau, FBID. Copy attached

1. References above outline the difficulties regarding receipt of household effects, now being encountered by Mr. Charles S. Jennings and Miss Ruth A. Oviatt, two FBID employees recently transferred to the London Bureau.

2. Inasmuch as shipments of household effects of FBID employees transferred to the London Bureau will be of frequent occurrence, it is believed highly advisable to establish a policy in this matter. It is also urgently necessary to secure the immediate release of subject household effects without cost to the employees concerned.

3. It is therefore requested that the British Foreign Office be approached through State Department channels and requested to:

a. Release the household effects of the above named FBID employees immediately without payment of customs duty or purchase tax.

b. Establish a policy whereby such charges will not be levied in the case of future FBID transferees to the London Bureau.

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